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Urban District Council



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of
The Medical Officer of Health
for
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EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1971

To The Chairman and Members
of the East Grinstead Urban District Council

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1971.

The Report is prepared as indicated in the Department of Health & Social Security Circular No. 1/71, dated 1st January, 1972.

The Crude Death Rate is 13.5, as compared with 13.4 for 1970.

The Standardised Death Rate is 9.7, compared with 11.6 for England and Wales. The Standardised Death Rate is obtained by the application of a 'comparability factor' making allowance for the age and sex distribution of the district for comparison with England and Wales as a whole.

The infantile Mortality Rate is 24.00, compared with 17.00 for the previous year.

The Birth Rate is 15.6, compared with 16.5 in 1970.

The Standardised Birth Rate is 15.8, compared with 16.0 for England and Wales.

There were no deaths from Scarlet Fever, Typhoid Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough or Measles.

There were no deaths amongst children under two years of age from Enteritis, and none from maternal causes.

Two cases of Food Poisoning were notified during the year.

Slum Clearance

1. Number of houses declared unfit -
 - (a) number dealt with under
Section 16 Housing Act, 1957
(individual unfit houses) -
 - (b) number dealt with under Section
42 Housing Act, 1957 (Clearance Area) -
2. Houses in (1) subsequently made fit by
their owners -
3. Houses previously declared unfit made
fit by their owners -
4. Number of families rehoused from unfit
houses 1
5. Number of families waiting to be rehoused ... 3

The following information is given by Mrs. O.W. Wren,
Housing Manager:-

The Council, having adopted a policy of selling Council
houses, sold the undermentioned properties during the year:-

Four bedroomed houses	...	...	4
Three	- do -	...	24
Two	- do -	...	2

The Council have decided, however, that flats and
maisonettes will remain in the ownership of the Local Authority.

During the year, all tenants in prefabricated bungalows
were rehoused into other properties and the bungalows were
demolished to make way for new development. On part of the
site, a fourth scheme for elderly citizens will provide
approximately 24 one and two unit flats and accommodation
for a resident Warden. This scheme is not likely to be
completed, however, until 1973.

Following these changes, Council accommodation at the
end of the year comprised:-

Bed/Sitting room	...	...	...	Flats	68
One bedroom (two-unit)	...	...	...	Flats	120
				Bungalows	8

Two bedroom (three-unit)	...	...	Flats	98
			Bungalows	1
			Houses	153
Three bedroom (four/five person)	...	...	Flats	4
			Maisonettes	31
			Houses	486
Four bedroom	...	...	Houses	15
Garages	...	...		363
Shops	...	...		5

The new Spring Copse/Holtye Road development was commenced part of this being on the prefabricated bungalow site, and these properties will be completed and ready for letting in 1972.

The total development comprises:-

Three bedroomed houses (five person)	41
- do - (four person)	10
Two bedroomed flats (three person)	8
One - do - (two person)	8

There will also be a third development of flats for elderly citizens comprising 24 two-person, 4 one-person flats and three bedroomed accommodation for the Warden. A common room with a television will be provided together with a Quiet Room, Laundry and Guest's bedroom.

MANAGEMENT

(a) Council's Housing Waiting List

At the end of the year, 414 applicants remained on the list who required 240 one/two unit flats, 103 two and 71 three bedroomed accommodation. There were 80 new applicants during the year.

Lettings totalled 61 and 47 transfers were effected.

At the end of the year there were 131 tenants applying for transfer and this increase in number was partly due to interest shown in transferring to the new Spring Copse Estate.

(b) Visiting

During the year the undermentioned work was carried out:-

Visits following new tenancies	...	...	...	...	108
Routine inspections of Council houses	...	...	...	...	208
Enquiries re lodgers	...	...	...	...	47
Visits to new applicants on the Waiting List	...	...	...	...	84
Re-visits to applicants on the Waiting List (On change of circumstances and/or address and in connection with the new Spring Copse Estate)	...	...	...	...	192
Visits in connection with transfers and exchanges	...	...	...	...	238
Visits in connection with special problems	...	...	...	...	162
Visits regarding Slum Clearance	...	...	...	...	4
Enquiries regarding garage lettings	...	...	...	...	129
Interviews in the office and enquiries regarding housing	...	...	...	...	4,642

The construction taking place in the Holtye Road and on Spring Copse greatly increased the number of enquiries in the office and visits to applicants and existing tenants. This increased number of enquiries severely hampered other work in the Department and necessitated a reduction in routine inspections.

(c) Repairs and Maintenance

The following work was carried out during the year:-

Maintenance orders issued	...	...	...	...	1,230
Internal decoration carried out in houses/flats	...	...	...	...	20
External decoration of Council properties	...	...	...	...	94
Repairs to Council property	...	...	...	...	247

Most work is carried out by the Council's direct labour force but, owing to the shortage of labour, it was found necessary to complete part of the work by outside contractors.

During the year the Council changed its policy in connection with internal decoration of Council property and the scheme now includes:-

- (a) Where an elderly tenant vacates a property through death or incapacity and there is no estate to bear the cost, the property is brought up to standard and charged to maintenance.
- (b) All properties occupied by tenants who are retired/widows/handicapped physically will have one room decorated annually where necessary.

It is thought that some financial help will be available from the Department of Health and Social Security in appropriate cases.

- (c) Other tenants who are unable to do this kind of maintenance work for a good reason, may make application for decoration to be carried out by the Council's direct labour force during the winter months. An estimate is supplied to the tenant and, when this is approved and accepted, the work is carried out on a rechargeable basis and the cost may be spread over a reasonable period if the tenant has a low income.

Improvements to Council Properties

During the year improvements were commenced on the Beeches Field and Brooklands Estates. This work included:-

- (i) Installation of sink units.
- (ii) Alteration to bathrooms and w.c.'s making separate entrance from hallway.
- (iii) Where applicable, an internal w.c. provided, leaving in position the external w.c. for additional use.
- (iv) Provision of external coal stores.
- (v) Kitchen and bathroom floors tiled.
- (vi) Installation of gas fired boilers in place of obsolete solid fuel appliances.

The work was commenced in 55 houses but part of these improvements will be completed in the next financial year.

WELFARE

The Co-ordinating Committee for the Welfare of the Aged continued with their many activities during the year.

Visiting Service: Another busy year for the voluntary workers on the visiting service. There are now 24 visitors, visiting regularly the homes of 113 elderly people. It is hoped that more voluntary workers will be found to enable this service to be extended.

Greenstede Club: This Club is now full with a membership of 50. During the summer, members enjoyed a very pleasant outing to the coast, and the Christmas and Birthday parties were very much appreciated.

The Rotary Club continues to organise the Work Centre at St. Leonard's House, and an average of 12 people attend five mornings a week. At Christmas, 376 elderly people received money vouchers or gifts from Rotary, the Wallis Centre Youth Club and Imberhorne School. This total includes 160 £2 gift vouchers provided by Rotary which could be spent at any shop in the town.

The Round Table Association sent 20 people away to Eastbourne for a week, and organised an Old Time Music Hall in November for about 200 elderly people. 38 elderly and handicapped people were taken on a Christmas shopping expedition to Croydon, the shops remaining open late in order to cater for wheelchairs etc. In conjunction with the Rotary Club, a very successful Donkey Derby took place in June which raised necessary funds.

The Voluntary Laundry continued to be of service for 18 elderly people, and there were 22 volunteers to help with the washing. The collecting and delivering was mainly organised by members of Round Table and Rotary on a rota system with the assistance of four outside volunteers. The laundry is open all day on Mondays and Thursdays when 6 bags of washing are completed each day, and Wednesday mornings when a further 2 bags are completed. This service could be extended if more helpers were available.

Day Centre: Various fund raising events were successfully organised during the year for this project.

The Sunshine Club for the physically handicapped, which meets on the first and third Friday of every month, has an average attendance of 30. Members enjoyed many garden parties during the summer months, had trips to Brighton and Eastbourne in conjunction with the 'Over Sixties' Club, and three theatre outings.

The 'Over Sixties' Club now has a membership of 113 and they meet every Wednesday afternoon. In May, five of their members won prizes at the Handicraft Exhibition organised by the Old People's Welfare Committee. To enable a handicapped child to have a holiday, £27 was raised by members, and at their Annual Sale of Work in December £153 was raised. The Club's 25th Birthday Party was held during the year, and their Xmas Dinner was held at the Literary Institute.

The Women's Royal Voluntary Service: The Meals-on-Wheels and Luncheon Club served 6,772 meals, and a special Christmas dinner was served to 73 elderly people. These meals do ensure that the recipients have at least two good hot meals per week which are cooked by W.R.V.S. staff. This work receives financial assistance from the East Grinstead Urban District Council.

(a) Issuing welfare foods:

Tins of Dried Milk	1,861
Issues of vitamin tablets	577
Bottles of cod-liver oil	625
Bottles of orange juice	8,637

(b) Clothing issued to 110 families (174 people)

(c) Home Helps were provided for 94 homes

(90% Old Age Pensioners)

- (d) Visitors and voluntary clerical help were provided for the Queen Victoria Hospital.
- (e) Two boys (brothers) were sent away on holiday
- (f) Social training was given to 46 people willing to make themselves available in emergencies, and all the necessary organisation is now available to provide 1,000 meals on demand.
- (g) In conjunction with the Old People's Welfare Committee and the Citizen's Advice Bureau, a Chiropody Service is provided for Pensioners, and 382 men and women were referred for treatment.

Citizen's Advice Bureau: During the year 4,262 enquiries were made at the Bureau, and from the matters dealt with there is not the slightest doubt that the need for understanding and sympathetic interpretation of problems is as great as ever. 1971 saw the implementation of the Divorce Reform Act, Family Incomes Supplement, Pensions for the over 80's and the closing down of the Consumer Council, all of which added considerably to the work of the Bureau.

Training for the bureau workers has become more essential and has to be continuous if the staff are to keep abreast of new and changing legislation, and during the year training for organisers and workers was arranged by the National Citizen's Advice Bureau Council for all regions.

Eleven voluntary workers man the Bureau which has now been in operation for 31 years.

MARRIAGE GUIDANCE

East Grinstead Marriage Guidance Council, together with branches at Crawley and Horsham, form the North Sussex Marriage Guidance Council. It offers a confidential counselling service to those seeking help for marriage and family problems. Clients are seen by appointment only, at a room in Westminster Bank Chambers, London Road. In 1971 two Counsellors gave a total of 229 one-hour interviews, and the demand for the service continues to increase. 53 children under 16 years of age were involved.

The Council offers an Education Service, not so widely known perhaps, which can be carried out in Schools, Youth Clubs, Parent-Teacher Associations, Nurses-in-Training and other like groups. A number of talks on the "Work of Marriage Guidance" have been given to W.I. Groups, Young Wives, the National Council of Women and other organisations. A small local Committee with representation on the North Sussex Executive Committee, is concerned with such matters as the premises, publicity, fund raising and

providing receptionists for the Counsellors. Marriage Guidance is a voluntary organisation and registered charity, dependent on grants by Local Councils, organisations and private donations. During the year the local Committee has been particularly active in the fund raising field.

SOCIAL WELFARE LUNCH TIME SESSIONS

With the object of fostering friendly acquaintance, and the interchange of information among those engaged in Social Welfare work, the East Grinstead Urban District Council sponsors a regular monthly meeting at East Court. Invitations are sent to professional and voluntary workers, Doctors, Nurses, Clergymen and Head Teachers.

The meetings have been held regularly on the first Friday of the month, and have been well attended. Each organisation represented has produced an excellent display of its activities and these have been of great value to everyone present, promoting a better understanding of the services available.

Speakers at the meetings have included:-

Mr. A.F.B. Kilby, Surveyor, E.G.U.D.C.	-	"House & Trade Refuse"
Miss Joan Leslie	-	"Recruitment & Training of Staff for National Health Service"
Dr. Michael Hall	-	"General Medical Practice"
Mr. Forster Mid-Sussex Water Co.	-	"Statutory Water Undertaking"
Mr. Cottingham	-	"Social Welfare Benefit"
Miss M. Hulmes	-	Area Director of Social Services
Dr. J. Petrie		
Col. C.A. Sinnock	-	"Fair Deal for Housing"
Mr. Larkum	-	East Grinstead Courier
Miss MacLaine	-	County Home Help Organiser

Supt. J. Cummings - "Odds & Ends of Police Work"

Det. Inspr. Stanley - "Drug Dependants"

Further talks are being arranged for the year 1972.

JOHN PETRIE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	(acres)	6,600
Registrar General's Estimated Population		18,850
Density of population per acre		2.82
Rateable Value at 1.4.71		£1,021,323
Sum represented by a 1d. rate (1971/72)		£10,050
Birth rate per 1000 population		15.6
Standardised Birth Rate		15.8
Crude Death Rate per 1000 population		13.5
Standardised Death Rate		9.7
Infantile Mortality Rate		24.00
Number of Inhabited Dwellings (at 1.4.71)		6,148

BIRTHS:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births - Legitimate	132	152	284
Illegitimate	7	4	11
TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS	139	156	295

Birth Rate per 1000 population ...	15.60
Comparability Factor	1.01
Standardised Birth Rate	15.80

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Stillbirths</u> - Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

DEATHS:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	120	135	255
Crude Rate per 1000 population	...	13.50	
Comparability Factor	...	.72	
Standardised Death Rate	...	9.70	

INFANTILE MORTALITY

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths of Infants under the age of 1 week	3	3	6
Deaths of Infants under the age of 4 weeks	3	3	6
Deaths of Infants under the age of 1 year	4	3	7

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births - 24.00

Illegitimate Live Births 3.7% of total live births.

Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 Live Births) - 20.3

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, etc.	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	6	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	7	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	3	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	8	6
Benign and unspecified Neoplasms	1	1
Diabetes Mellitus	-	1
Anaemias	-	2
Mental Disorders	1	-
Multiple Sclerosis	-	3
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	1	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease	31	22
Other forms of Heart Disease	5	5
Cerebrovascular Disease	13	20
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	9	14
Pneumonia	3	15
Bronchitis and Emphysema	9	1
Asthma	1	-
Other diseases of Respiratory System	5	6
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	2	1

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	2
Congenital Anomalies	-	1
Birth Injury, difficult labour, etc.	2	2
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	-
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	2	10
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1
All other Accidents	4	1
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	1
	<u>120</u>	<u>135</u>

MORTALITY IN AGE GROUPS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 4 weeks	3	3	6
4 weeks and under 1 year	1	-	1
1 - 4 years	-	-	-
5 - 14 "	1	1	2
15 - 24 "	1	-	1
25 - 34 "	2	1	3
35 - 44 "	2	2	4
45 - 54 "	6	2	8
55 - 64 "	17	9	26
65 - 74 "	38	22	60
75 and over	49	95	144
	<u>120</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>255</u>

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1956 - 1971

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births						Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Death Rate	Infant Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate				Deaths								
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total		M	F	Total						
1956	12,760	91	83	174	2	1	3	13.87	87	104	191	14.91	1	3	4	22.6	14
1957	13,340	108	100	208	3	2	5	16.72	93	106	199	14.92	1	1	2	9.39	14
1958	13,390	118	89	207	4	5	9	15.48	95	97	192	13.76	-	-	-	-	24
1959	14,370	135	106	241	3	2	5	16.42	89	104	193	13.43	2	1	3	12.2	53
1960	14,900	132	113	245	3	6	9	17.05	86	103	189	12.68	3	-	3	11.81	65
1961	15,540	123	118	241	5	2	7	15.9	97	96	193	12.42	2	2	4	16.1	55
1962	15,860	122	114	236	2	5	7	15.51	101	134	235	14.81	1	2	3	12.34	8
1963	15,930	136	144	280	11	4	15	18.52	107	144	251	15.76	1	5	6	20.34	44
1964	16,390	145	121	266	12	8	20	17.45	89	114	203	12.39	4	2	6	20.98	83
1965	16,610	155	131	286	13	5	18	18.3	105	121	226	13.6	3	1	4	13.15	78
1966	17,020	149	131	280	5	8	13	17.21	92	104	196	11.51	2	-	2	6.08	97
1967	17,110	148	136	284	9	9	18	17.06	105	105	210	12.27	-	3	3	9.93	92
1968	17,340	131	119	250	8	11	19	15.5	134	106	240	13.8	6	3	9	14.48	29
1969	17,490	161	117	278	6	8	14	16.7	101	128	229	13.1	4	-	4	13.69	63
1970	17,790	143	136	279	6	9	15	16.5	107	132	239	13.4	2	3	5	17.00	55
1971	18,850	132	152	284	7	4	11	15.6	120	135	255	13.5	4	3	7	24.00	40

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year 1971:-

Disease	Cases Notified	Cases to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	3	-	-
Measles	166	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	1	1	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	2	-	-
Dysentery	1	-	-
Scabies	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	1	-	-

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN AGE GROUPS

Age Groups										
Disease	0	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 24	25 and over	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	3
Measles	4	14	16	21	18	86	2	2	3	166
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Scabies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	4	14	17	21	20	87	2	3	6	174

TUBERCULOSIS

Summary of New Cases and Mortality during the years 1956-1971

	<u>NEW CASES</u>					<u>DEATHS</u>				
Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	
1956	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
1957	6	5	-	2	13	3	-	1	1	5
1958	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1
1959	3	1	-	1	5	-	1	-	-	1
1960	2	1	-	1	4	1	-	-	-	1
1961	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
1962	1	2	-	1	4	1	-	-	-	1
1963	1	3	-	1	5	2	-	-	-	2
1964	2	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	1	1
1965	1	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	1
1966	1	1	-	1	3	-	1	-	-	1
1967	1	1	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
1968	3	1	1	-	5	1	-	-	-	1
1969	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
1970	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
1971	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

New Cases and Mortality during the year 1971

	<u>NEW CASES</u>				<u>DEATHS</u>			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH,
MEASLES, TETANUS AND POLIOMYELITIS

For children born between 1.1.65 and 31.12.71

<u>Type Given</u>	<u>Number</u>
Primary Triple	271
Primary Polio	271
Polio 1st Booster	268
Smallpox	153
Smallpox 1st Booster	10
Measles	242
Diphtheria/Tetanus 1st Booster	273

HOUSING

1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year 1971

(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects	160
(b)	Number of inspections and re-inspections ...	911
(c)	Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	-
(d)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	92

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without the Service of Formal Notices

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	21
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3. Unfit Houses

(a)	Number of Demolition Orders made	-
(b)	Number of Closing Orders made	-
(c)	Number of Undertakings accepted	-

4. Housing Act, 1957, Part IV - OVERCROWDING

No new cases of overcrowding were received during the year.

5. Number of new houses erected during the year 1971

(a) State aided:-

By Local Authority	-
By private enterprise (Public Utility Societies, etc.)	10

(b) Without State aid	146
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6. Housing Act, 1969 - Qualification Certificates

(a)	Number of applications received during the year	15
(b)	Number of Qualification Certificates issued ...	39
(c)	Number of applications withdrawn	-
(d)	Number of refusals	2

SLUMS AND OLDER HOUSING - AN OVERALL STRATE (

Properties existing 31.12.71	5,156 Private Dwellings 992 Local Authority Dwellings <hr/> 6,148
Properties existing on 31.3.48	2,723 Private Dwellings 293 Local Authority Dwellings <hr/> 3,016
Private dwellings demolished since 1948	99
Number of Improvement Grants approved to date	481

UNFIT DWELLINGS

Part 2, Section 4 of the Housing Act 1957, as amended, provides a definition of a standard of fitness, which states as follows:-

In determining for any of the purposes of this Act whether a house is unfit for human habitation, regard shall be had to its condition in respect of the following matters, that is to say -

- (a) repair;
- (b) stability;
- (c) freedom from damp;
- (d) natural lighting
- (e) ventilation;
- (f) water supply;
- (g) drainage and sanitary conveniences;
- (h) facilities for preparation and cooking of food and for the disposal of waste water;

and the house shall be deemed to be unfit for human habitation if and only if it is so far defective in one or more of the said matters that it is not reasonably suitable for occupation in that condition.

This table shows the present state of the town's stock of private houses

<u>Unfit Dwellings</u>	<u>Private Dwellings</u>
1. In areas already declared under Part III Housing Act 1957	4
2. In other areas to be declared under Part III Housing Act 1957	nil
3. Not in Part III areas	4
4. Total of Unfit Dwellings (Items 1 plus 2 plus 3)	<u>8</u>
<u>Dwellings not unfit</u>	
5. up to 12 point standard	4,532
6. capable of improvement to 12 point standard	616
7. not capable of improvement to 12 point standard	nil
<u>Total Dwellings in the Area</u>	<u> </u>
4 plus 5 plus 6 plus 7	<u>5,156</u>

DETAILS OF 12 POINT STANDARD

The Act requires that a dwelling must, where practicable, conform to the following 12-point standard:-

1. Be in a good state of repair and substantially free from damp.
2. Have each room properly lighted and ventilated.
3. Have an adequate supply of wholesome water laid on inside the dwelling.
4. Be provided with efficient and adequate means of supplying hot water for domestic purposes.
5. Have an internal water closet if practicable; otherwise a readily accessible outside water closet.
6. Have a fixed bath or shower in a bathroom.

7. Be provided with a sink and with suitable arrangements for the disposal of waste water.
8. Have a proper drainage system.
9. Be provided in each room with adequate points for gas or electric lighting (where reasonably available).
10. Be provided with adequate facilities for heating.
11. Have proper provision for the storing, preparing and cooking of food.
12. Have proper provision for the storage of fuel (where required).

HOUSE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The main provisions of the Housing Act, 1969, can be stated. The Amendment to the Act in 1971 does not apply in this area.

In addition to the provision of standard amenities to dwelling-houses, certain structural repairs are now eligible for grant aid. The aim is to extend the useful habitable life of structurally sound but aged and dilapidated properties, and so prevent their sliding further into the category of slum clearance dwellings.

The statute has made three types of grant available:-

- (a) IMPROVEMENT GRANT - Maximum usually £1,000
(£1,200 in special circumstances)
- (b) STANDARD GRANT - Maximum usually £200
(£450 in special circumstances)
- (c) SPECIAL GRANT - Maximum £200.

The Act also provides for the decontrol of houses provided with standard amenities.

The grant for essential repairs cannot, in any circumstances, exceed the amount of grant aid for the improvements.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANTS AUTHORISED SINCE 1951

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u> £	<u>No. OF APPROVALS</u>
1951	72.50	1
1954	400.00	2
1955	3,711.775	18
1956	1,898.00	9
1957	3,661.00	17
1958	2,509.00	11

	<u>IMPROVEMENT</u> £	<u>STANDARD</u> £	
1959	7,400.00	386.00	31
1960	2,121.00	1,284.00	22
1961	2,863.00	775.00	18
1962	1,998.84	1,387.14	19
1963	2,018.775	1,561.99	29
1964	1,605.375	2,127.22	22
1965	2,739.66	1,140.86	22
1966	2,145.325	1,016.68	20
1967	2,121.795	462.375	8
1968	10,366.44	1,219.29	31
1969	15,286.52	1,254.77	46
1970	14,174.58	420.44	33
1971	25,045.16	1,322.23	79

43 Approvals were not proceeded with.

Total Expenditure - £116,496.74

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

EIGHTY-SIX applications for IMPROVEMENT GRANTS and FIVE applications for STANDARD GRANTS were received and dealt with during the year.

	<u>IMPROVEMENT</u> The Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958, Part II, and the Housing Act, 1969		
	Vacant	Owner Occupied	Tenanted (Grant with Qual. Cert)
Enquiries made	3	139	25
Approval refused by tenant	-	-	-
Applications not approved by Council	-	5	-
Applications approved and not proceeded with	1	1	5
Applications approved and proceeded with	4	49	21
Completed by 31.12.71	-	11	6
Total of grants approved and proceeded with	£2,066.325	£11,146.845	£11,831.99
Approved previously and completed in 1971	5	6	4

STANDARD GRANTS

	<u>STANDARD</u> The House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, Part II, and the Housing Act, 1969		
	Vacant	Owner Occupied	Tenanted (Grant with Qual. Cert.)
Enquiries made	-	3	2
Approval refused by tenant	-	-	-
Applications not approved by Council	-	-	-
Applications approved and not proceeded with	-	-	-
Applications approved and proceeded with	-	4	1
Completed by 31.12.71	-	2	-
Total of grants approved and proceeded with	-	£1,207.23	£115.00
Approved previously and completed in 1971	-	-	1

HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

By the end of 1971, thirty-seven houses in the East Grinstead area were known to be in multiple occupation controlling 299 individuals. Eight new 'Directions' were made and three of the existing ones cancelled.

In 1970 the Council made 32 'Directions' controlling 267 individuals.

The previous definition of a house in multiple occupation, i.e. a house which, or a part of which, is let in lodgings or which is occupied by members of more than one family, has been amended by the Housing Act, 1969, to read "a house which, or a part of which is occupied by persons who do not form a single household".

A 'Direction' is an order made by the Council which limits the number of individuals who should occupy a house in multiple occupation.

SANITARY SUPERVISION

Housing Inspections

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Inspections made under Housing Acts ...	898	1101
Inspections made under Public		
Health Acts	85	151
Housing Act - Improvement Grants ...	110	172
Qualification Certificates	-	37

Other Inspections

Meat Shops and Slaughterhouses	277	272
Bakehouses	3	1
Fish Shops	1	10
Public Houses and Hotels	21	30
Restaurants	-	52
Clubs	1	11
Other Food Premises	105	194
Market Stalls	1123	1129
Delivery Vehicles	-	75
Public Health Acts (other than houses)	122	241
Factory Acts		
(not included in other totals) ...	135	93
Infectious Diseases	166	128
Noise Abatement	50	37
Clean Air Act	205	198
Water Supplies	37	22
Petroleum Acts	29	129
Inspections made under Pest		
Destruction Acts	1751	2220
Other Miscellaneous Inspections ...	574	594
Complaints	214	220

WATER SUPPLY

Water for the greater part of East Grinstead is supplied by the Mid-Sussex Water Company. A few houses on the Northern boundary at Felbridge are supplied by the East Surrey Water Company.

The Mid-Sussex Water Company have deep wells at Hackenden and Forest Row, and an additional supply is obtained from the reservoir of the Weir Wood Water Board. Placelands deep bore-hole is also available as an additional booster for summer supplies.

The raw water is aerated, subjected to sedimentation, mechanical filtration, automatic superchlorination, and finally, before going into supply, to dechlorination to give a free residual of 0.1 p.p.m. of chlorine. A consistently safe and palatable water supply is thus assured.

Samples of water from each supply are regularly submitted to the Analytical Laboratory, Lewes, by the Mid-Sussex Water Company, for chemical and bacteriological examination. The water is consistently of excellent organic quality and safe for drinking purposes.

It was not necessary to restrict the supply at any time throughout the year.

Approximately 6,156 dwelling-houses have a piped water supply.

INSPECTION OF FOOD

During the year, 1564 visits were made to food premises, and below are details of the foodstuffs voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption:-

<u>MUTTON:</u>	1 pr. lungs Pneumonia
	1 lung Abscessed
	3 livers Fluke
	1 liver Cirrhosis
<u>VEAL:</u>	Side of veal extensive bruising (43 lbs.)
<u>PORK:</u>	24 livers Milk Spot
	32 hearts Pericarditis
	60 heads Tuberculosis
	1 pr. lungs Abscessed
	4½ prs. lungs Pneumonia
	27 prs. lungs Pleurisy
	1 lung badly bled and congested
	4 legs pork Abscessed
	1 kidney Hydronephrosis
	2 pigs unfit (one carcase Tuberculosis)
	4 hindquarters condemned

TINNED AND OTHER FOOD:

90 tins of fruit, fruit juice, meat, vegetables and custard	...	...	...	decomposed
270 lbs. of fresh meat	...	...	...	decomposed
133 lbs. of frozen poultry	...	...	...	decomposed
3,174 pkts. of frozen food	...	...	...	decomposed
8 cartons of Jersey Cream	- bacteriologically infected			
90 items of grocery)			
10 lbs. lentils)			
6 lbs. rice flour	) contaminated and			
12 lbs. loose soft brown sugar	) decomposed			
1 lb. loose ground pepper)			

MILK

The following dealers' licences authorising the use of special designation were in force during the year 1971:-

<u>Special Designation</u>	<u>No. of licences</u>
Pasteurised	22
Sterilised	1
Untreated	2
Ultra High Temperature	7

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Section 109 gives authority with few exceptions, mainly milk and milk products, for local authorities who are not Food & Drugs Authorities to exercise powers of the Food & Drugs Authority in respect of the institution of legal proceedings.

The County Council are the Food & Drugs Authority, and their Weights & Measures Inspectors have been appointed as Authorised Officers. Mr. Leach (Weights & Measures Inspector) has provided the following information:-

Food & Drugs Samples taken January - December, 1971

<u>Milk Samples</u>	<u>Correct</u>	<u>Incorrect</u>
Informal (tested for solids and fats)	23	-
Formal (submitted to P.A.)	3	-
<u>Other Samples</u>		
Bonbons, herbal with honey	1	-
Candied Peel	1	-
Cheese, cream with salt & herbs	-	1
Cheese, med. fat soft, with salt & herbs	1	-
Cheese, low fat soft	1	-
Chicken paste	1	-
Chopped ham with pork	1	-
Cream	1	-
Parsley sauce mix	1	-
Quavers	1	-
RyKing Crispbread	1	-
RyVita	1	-
Sausages, Soya Wieners vegetable	1	-
Shandy	-	1
Soft drink, strawberry flavour	1	-
Soyapro, chicken like flavour	-	1
Steak, chunky with rich gravy	1	-
Tonic vegetable concentrate	-	1
Yoghurt	1	-
<u>Drugs</u>		
Lynctus of glycerine and honey	1	-

Particulars of incorrect samples

Cream cheese with salt and herbs - Found unsatisfactory and has now been re-classified as a medium fat soft cheese with salt and herbs.

Tonic Vegetable concentrate - Form in which Vitamin B present not specified. Manufacturers informed.

Soyapro, chicken like flavour - Contained monosodium glutamate. Manufacturers informed.

Shandy - Only 1.2% proof spirit, should be 1.5%.
Manufacturers informed.

CLEAN FOOD SUPERVISION

1. Number of Food Premises in the area by type of business:-

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	2
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	13
Catering Establishments:						
Boarding Houses	...	...	...	...	...	-
Cafes and Teashops	...	...	...	...	...	5
Clubs	...	...	...	...	...	15
Factory and Staff Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	11
Fish and Chip Shops	...	...	...	...	...	4
Hospitals	...	...	...	...	...	2
Hostels	...	...	...	...	...	3
Hotels	...	...	...	...	...	4
Public Houses (total)	...	...	...	...	...	9
Serving meals	-	3				
Serving snacks	-	6				
Residential Institutions	...	...	...	...	...	17
Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	8
Schools, Technical Colleges etc.	...	...	...	...	...	11
Snack Bars	...	...	...	...	...	1
Chemists	...	...	...	...	...	5
Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	23
Corn Merchants	...	...	...	...	...	1
Fish Shops (Wet and Dried)	...	...	...	...	...	4
General Stores	...	...	...	...	...	14
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	11
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	16
Milk Depots	...	...	...	...	...	2
Milk Shops	...	...	...	...	...	14
Wayside Stalls	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wine Merchants	...	...	...	...	...	9

2. Number of Food Premises by type, registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, or under Local Acts, and the number of dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959:-

Sale of Ice-Cream	...	...	...	...	48
Preparation of Potted Food	...	...	...	...	-
Preparation of sausages	...	...	...	...	5
Preparation of Pressed Food	...	...	...	...	-
Preparation of Pickled Food	...	...	...	...	10
Preparation of Preserved Food	...	...	...	...
including Fried Fish	...	...	...	...	10
Dairies	...	...	...	...	2

3. Number of Inspections and visits to Registered Food Premises - 148.

CARCASES OF ANIMALS INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	18	931	1097
Number inspected	18	931	1097
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis:</u>			
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	6	101
Percentage of the number inspected infected with diseases other than T.B.	5.56%	0.64%	9.3%
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>			
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	60
Percentage of the number inspected infected with Tuberculosis	-	-	5.56%

POULTRY INSPECTIONS

(i)	Number of poultry processing premises	...	17
(ii)	Number of visits to premises	... ..	272
(iii)	Total number of birds processed during the year	... ..	26,654
(iv)	Types of birds processed:-		
	Turkeys	...	1,422
	Geese	...	81
	Culls	...	1,910
	Capons	...	23,144
	Ducklings	...	97
(v)	Percentage rejected as unfit	... ..	1.08%
(vi)	104 lbs. condemned as unfit for human consumption		
(vii)	Comments on poultry processing and inspection:-		

Most of the poultry processing is carried on in nine shop premises (24,181 of total). The birds are previously hand-picked by owners and, consequently, very few are unfit for human consumption.

It is not practical with present legislation to ensure 100% inspection in the widely separated poultry processing establishments in this area, but agreement has been reached with the owners to notify this Department should any reasonable doubt arise as to the fitness for human consumption of the poultry being processed.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1962

REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

	No. of premises registered during the year.	Total No. of registered premises at end of year.	No. of registered premises receiving a General Inspection during the year.
Offices	6	102	11
Retail Shops	3	159	22
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	11	-
Catering Establishments open to public, Canteens	4	22	8
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	13	294	41

PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>No. of persons employed</u>
Offices	1071
Retail Shops	1062
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	131
Catering Establishments open to the public	178
Canteens	24
Fuel Storage Depots	-
TOTAL	2466
TOTAL MALES	1087
TOTAL FEMALES	1379

FACTORIES ACT 1961

The factories on the Register of the Local Authority are as follows:-

	<u>Mechanical</u> <u>Power</u>	<u>Non-Mechanical</u> <u>Power</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Agricultural Engineers	1	-	1
Automatic Machines	1	-	1
Bakeries	2	-	2
Builders	1	1	2
Chemical Compounds	1	-	1
Civil Engineering Contractors	1	-	1
Cloth Measuring Warehouse	1	-	1
Coffin Makers	1	-	1
Commercial Artists	1	-	1
Confectionery	1	-	1
Cosmetics	2	-	2
Dyers & Cleaners	2	-	2
Electric Lamps	1	-	1
Electrical Engineers	1	-	1
Electronic Equipment	2	-	2
French Polishing	-	1	1
Joinery	7	-	7
Laundries	3	-	3
Light Engineering	15	-	15
Manufacturing Chemists	1	-	1
Mirror Silvering	1	-	1
Motor Repairers	15	-	15
Pharmaceuticals	2	-	2
Photography	1	-	1
Plastic Binder Manufacturers	1	-	1
Plastic Surgical Instruments	1	-	1
Polythene Manufacturers	1	-	1
Pottery	1	-	1
Precision Engineering	2	-	2
Printers	3	-	3
Radio & T.V. Repairers	1	1	2
Sawmills	1	-	1
Sheet Metal Manufacturers	3	-	3
Shoe Repairers	3	-	3
Signwriters	2	-	2
Slaughterhouses	1	-	1
Smithies	1	-	1
Snow Clearing Equipment	1	-	1
c/fwd.	86	3	89

	<u>Mechanical</u> <u>Power</u>	<u>Non-Mechanical</u> <u>Power</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
b/fwd.	86	3	89
Spectacle Frames	1	-	1
Stone Masons	2	-	2
Swimming Pool Fittings	1	-	1
Tailoring	1	1	2
Tool Makers	1	-	1
Transformers & Components	1	-	1
Tyre Vulcanising	1	-	1
Upholstery & Soft Furnishings	2	1	3
Warm Air Heating Equipment	1	-	1
Watch Repairers	1	-	1
Waterproofing Materials	1	-	1
Woodcrafts	2	-	2
	101	5	106

During the year 93 visits were made under the Factories Act 1961.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	No. on Register	Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	5	1	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	101	88	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' premises)	12	4	-	-
TOTALS	118	93	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND				Number of Cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted
	Found	Remedied	REFERRED		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (a)					
insufficient (b)	-	-	-	-	-
unsuitable or defective (c)	2	-	-	-	-
not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Part VIII of the Act, Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

	<u>SECTION 133</u>				<u>SECTION 134</u>		
	Nature of Work	No. of Outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c) (2)	No. of Cases of default in sending Lists to Council. (3)	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply Lists. (4)	No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises. (5)	Notices Served. (6)	Prosecutions (7)
(1)							
Wearing Apparel: Making, etc.	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning and Washing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RODENT CONTROL

	<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification.	173	37	210
Number of such properties found to be infested.	94	34	128
Number of properties found to be infested as a result of systematic survey.	28	8	36
Total number of properties infested.	122	42	164
Infestations dealt with by Council	118	39	157
Infestations dealt with by occupier following instructions given by Rodent Officer.	4	3	7

The Council employ one full-time Rodent Officer on Pest Destruction.

During the year ended 31st December, 1971, 1634 visits were made under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, and of these 470 were systematic surveys.

The Rodent Officer also dealt with 218 wasps nests and 56 complaints of other pests, including moles, ants, cockroaches, flies, fleas, bees, silverfish, bats, voles, slugs, snakes, mites, rabbits, pigeons, starlings, mosquitoes, psocids (booklice).

Regular inspections have been made at Eden Vale, Sunnyside and Ashurstwood Sewage Disposal Works, the refuse tips, housing estates and other Council properties. Once again a 10% test of sewers was completed in the Spring, in accordance with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries' instructions, and once again the test revealed a very low level of infestation.

A nominal charge for rodent and pest destruction is made to householders. Business premises are charged with the actual cost of materials and labour. No charge is made for subsequent inspection to ensure that the premises remain free from rats and mice.

The Council is prepared to enter into an annual contract to maintain business premises free from vermin.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This work is carried out by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department.

House refuse is collected weekly. Large items of household refuse are collected every Friday, if a request is made to the Surveyor's Department, telephone number East Grinstead 23636, Ext. 51. There is no charge made for this service.

Builders' or garden refuse is not collected, but this may be taken to the Council's Tip and disposed of free of charge. Further details may be obtained from the Surveyor's Department at the above extension.

Trade Refuse is collected at the request of the trader concerned, and a charge of 10p. per bin on all bins in excess of one per week is made. A collection is also made of trade waste paper, cardboard, etc., again by request. Sacks are supplied by the Council to the trader and are emptied at a charge of 10p. each, including the first sack.

Refuse is disposed of by tipping in a disused railway cutting at High Grove. Before being covered, newly tipped refuse is treated with Malathion insecticide to prevent breeding of flies.

Frequent inspections of the tip are made to ascertain possible nuisance by rodents and flies.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS, 1928 and 1936

46 premises were licensed to store petroleum spirit, and 129 visits were made under the Acts by the Public Health Inspectors.

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL WELFARE CENTRE

The following table shows the Clinics held at the East Sussex County Council's Welfare Centre, Moat View, Moat Road, East Grinstead:-

<u>Clinics</u>	<u>Days and Times</u>
<u>Infant Welfare</u>	Every Tuesday 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
<u>Toddlers' Clinic</u>	First Tuesday morning of each month 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon, and third Tuesday afternoon 2 - 4 p.m. By appointment with the Health Visitor.
<u>Dental Clinic</u> Mothers and children under 5 years.	By appointment with the Dentist.
<u>Ante-Natal</u> Relaxation and Mothercraft Classes.	Every Monday afternoon at 2.15 p.m.
<u>Cuckfield Hospital</u> Patients.	Second and fourth Wednesday each month at 2 p.m. By appointment.
<u>Child Guidance</u>	Thursdays - by appointment.
<u>Speech Therapy</u>	By appointment with the Speech Therapist (Tel. No. E.G. 25513)
<u>Family Planning</u>	First Monday morning of each month 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon, and every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. By appointment.
<u>Cytology Clinic</u>	First Wednesday morning of each month 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon, and second Wednesday evening - 6.30 p.m. By appointment.
<u>Queen Victoria Hospital</u> <u>Chest Clinic</u>	Every Thursday at 2 p.m.
<u>MEDICAL LOAN DEPOT</u>	Mrs. E.C. Draper, 46 Portland Road, East Grinstead. (Tel. No. E.G. 21984)
<u>ST. DUNSTAN'S HALL, MAYPOLE ROAD, ASHURST WOOD</u>	
<u>Child Health Clinic</u>	Fourth Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m.

LABORATORY SERVICES

The services of the Public Health Laboratory at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, (Tel. No. 63506), are available to this department and to Medical Practitioners in the district for the investigation of infectious disease.

The Laboratory is in a position to accept specimens (faeces, sputa, throat swabs, etc.) both for the diagnosis of individual cases, and for the investigation of outbreaks (detection of carriers, reservoirs of infection, mode of spread etc.). Specimens should reach the laboratory by 4.30 p.m. on weekdays, by 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays, and by 11.30 a.m. on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Containers may be obtained from the laboratory or from this department, and specimens may be sent to the laboratory via the Southdown Motor Bus Company. Collections are made at the Brighton terminus at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. (Mondays - Fridays), and at 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays. No collections are made on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Specimens for the Bacteriologist may be left at the Public Health Department, East Court, East Grinstead, before 12.30 p.m., and will be placed on a 'bus in time to reach Brighton for the 4 p.m. collection.

The Laboratory is open between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 12 noon on every day of the year, including Sundays and Public Holidays. Specimens which are so urgent that they have to be collected on those days, can be accepted at the laboratory between 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

Specimens which are received at the Brighton terminus after the last daily collection has been made, are not picked up until the following day, unless prior notification is received at the laboratory that an urgent specimen is on its way which may not, or will not, arrive in Brighton in time for the normal collection. In cases of extreme urgency arising after laboratory hours, special arrangements can be made by telephoning the Director of the Public Health Laboratory (Dr. J.E. Jameson - Brighton 56960), or the Chief Technician (Mr. N.W. Emberley - Rottingdean 2070).

The following prophylactic is held at the laboratory for issue free of charge to Medical Practitioners:-

Gamma Globulin

Supplies are restricted, and it is available only by consultation with the laboratory. Other types of vaccine, anti-toxins and serums are not held, but information regarding them may be obtained from the Director.

VACCINES

A stock of prophylactics against the following diseases is maintained in the Pathological Laboratory, Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, and may be obtained by General Practitioners, free of charge, on application to the Pathologist:-

Measles

Rubella

Tetanus

Diphtheria/Tetanus

Poliomyelitis

Smallpox

Whooping Cough)

Diphtheria) Triple Antigen

Tetanus)

VENEREAL DISEASE CLINIC

Kent & Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Kent

<u>Men:</u>	Tuesday - 10.30 a.m.	New Patients
<u>Women:</u>	" 9.30 a.m.	" "

Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, Sussex

<u>Men:</u>	Monday	3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
	Wednesday	10 a.m. - 12 noon
	Thursday	2.00 p.m. - 4 p.m.
<u>Women:</u>	Tuesday	3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.
	Thursday	10 a.m. - 12 noon

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Ambulance Service in East Grinstead is as follows:-

Number of Ambulances	... ..	Three
Ambulance Station	... ..	East Court, East Grinstead
Telephone Number	... ..	East Grinstead 23488
Area Served	... ..	East Grinstead Forest Row Hartfield West Hoathly Worth

A day and night service is available for the conveyance of patients from within the County of East Sussex who are unfit to travel either by public transport or car. Calls are accepted from doctors, midwives and hospitals in the area. Cases of accident or sudden emergency are the only calls accepted from members of the public.

The ambulances are now operated by the East Sussex County Council, who took them over from the British Red Cross Society in April, 1966.

Cases of infectious disease are removed to isolation hospital in the ambulances, which are then disinfected before returning to normal service.

HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

Area Transport Officer	...	...	Mrs. J.E. Faithful, East Court, East Grinstead
Telephone Number	...	...	East Grinstead 21318
Area served	...	...	East Grinstead Urban District. Uckfield Rural District. Cuckfield Rural District. (Northern half).
Office Hours	...	...	Mondays to Fridays (inclusive) 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION

During the year, 610 International Certificates of Vaccination against Smallpox and Cholera were authenticated by the Health Department. A further 315 were authenticated at the Queen Victoria Hospital.

